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THE AUTEN HYBRIDS

A magnificent new race blooming before
the regular Peony season



CHOCOLATE SOLDIER

A "black red" Hybrid, with yellow markings,
a superb variety

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EDWARD AUTEN, JR.

Princeville, Illinois

THE AUTEN ORIGINATIONS

This list for 1957 includes over 150 kinds, every one a fine variety. They are outstanding for quality, distinctive as to color, form of bloom, wide range of season of bloom, fragrance in many doubles, and fine plant habit. From this list you may order in confidence, in accord with your own special preferences.

In the 1956 Popularity Poll of the American Peony Society 382 different kinds were listed by the members reporting as being worthy of consideration. (We did not vote). These are the originations of more than 70 different men. But included in the 382 were 56 Auten originations and three more that were pollenized by Auten and grown by Mr. Glasscock. At the top of the next page the awards on five Auten Hybrids by the Royal Horticultural Society of England are reported.

Our work covers a period of over 40 years, during which we raised many thousands of new peonies from seed, and from them selected over 2800, all different, and gave them advanced trial over a term of from three to twelve years each. From these we named and introduced nearly 300 kinds.

OUR PRICES

Our Prices are most moderate considering the long years spent and the cost of such work on a large scale. As stocks of our earlier introductions increased we have lowered prices. Because a variety is priced at \$2.00 that does not mean that it is not as good as a newer one at \$10.00. Some of our finest are now in the lower price range. The higher prices on the newer ones are an indication of smaller stocks.

TERMS, SPECIAL DISCOUNTS and COLLECTION OFFERS, on Page 15.

1957 INTRODUCTIONS, Auten Originations

- Fairyland** A Hybrid. Very early light pink single, small to medium size, beautifully formed, with deep yellow stamens, carpels white. Stiff stems. My nearest to white Officinalis Hybrid 15.00
- Citation** A Hybrid. Charming pink single, a distinctive shade. Small bloom on tall stiff stems, low foliage. Early. Bloom lasts well. Ample stock permits low price 5.00
- Minstrel Boy** Semi-double, good size bloom, "black red" and about as dark in color as a peony can be. The color holds. Late, tall. Not a Hybrid 5.00
- Maestro** A very brilliant dark red semi-double on tall stiff stems above low foliage. Color holds. Late. Was demanded by visitors to the field last year, before ready to sell 6.00
- Satellite** A small fiery black red Jap or anemone type bloom, held 4 inches above low foliage on tall stiff stems. Color holds. Fairly early 4.00

From Illinois. We have been very satisfied with all the peonies you have sent us.

From Missouri. All your peonies have done well for me.

From Maine. The Nippons I bot of you last year are beautiful. They both blossomed this year.

From New York (a grower). Your Auten's Pride is also very beautiful for late.

OFFICINALIS HYBRIDS, Auten Originations

This new race of hybrid Peonies starts blooming about ten days before the regular Peony season. They are of surpassing beauty, giving us reds more brilliant than we have ever had, and new shades in coral, cherry, salmon, and orange; reds free from any purple cast. The Royal Horticultural Society of England in 1956 gave their most highly prized "Award of Merit" to John Harvard, Red Monarch, Dandy Dan and Rosedale, and "Highly Commended" to Rose Marie. In the 1956 popularity poll of the American Peony Society, Chocolate Soldier, Rose Marie, John Harvard and Veritas stood among the top six kinds out of 59 red hybrids voted on.

Auten's Red	A full double, bomb type, with slight yellow markings. Very rich velvety dark red, large bloom, on a fine plant. One of the finest double Hybrids we have seen	15.00
Avelyn	A most beautiful and outstanding red bomb, very dark and velvety. Very early for a full double. One of the finest of all the hybrids	15.00
Beacon Hill	Very early dark red single, large bloom on tall stiff stems, one of earliest to bloom	5.00
Black Gold	Probably the darkest red of my Hybrids Glossy, with a very few yellow markings. Medium size, very distinct	4.00
Bright Eyes	A very bright red double, with contrasting yellow markings. As snappy as the name implies	2.00
Chief Justice	Very rich deep red, color exceptionally fine. Semi-double, showing some beautiful yellow stamens in center held erect on long red filaments. Good size, with stiff stems. One of the latest Hybrids, blooming with the first of the regular season	6.00
China Boy	A brilliant red single, almost scarlet, on short stiff stems. Trim foliage, making a very distinctive plant	2.50
Chocolate Soldier	Darkest "black red". No other peony like it. Some blooms have yellow markings, some do not. Blooms on the same plant may range from full double with no markings to Japanese type with brilliant yellow markings. When full double the petals have absolutely perfect, precise formation. One of our greatest peonies	4.50
Dakota	Very early red single, with a definite orange scarlet tone. Prominent yellow center as both stamens and the filaments are yellow. Trim petals, fine plant and foliage	4.00
Dandy Dan	A brilliant red bloom with some stamens showing. Beautiful form, on tall stiff stems. Color very fine. Greatly admired by visitors to our fields	6.00
Dazzler	Single, with two rows of petals. Very rich black red, filaments pink. Stiff stems, medium to low height	5.00
Dusky Dinah	Dark winey red, usually with three rows of petals and lovely yellow center. Substance outstanding. Late, blooming with the first of the regular season kinds	5.00

From Ohio. The shipment of last week received. The roots were all very good. The extras were O.K. Can say all the shipment was wonderful.

From Washington. Thank you so much for the good roots you sent me last year, and also for the free peony "Auten's Pride"—very lovely.

OFFICINALIS HYBRIDS, Auten Originations (Cont.)

Early Scout	(R. Carvel x Single Tenuifolia) A very dark red single, blooms very early, before the other Hybrids. Cut foliage, distinct. Better bloom than Smouthii	5.00
Eldorado	Brilliant red bomb, with some Japanese type petaloids in the full center. A striking effect. Early	8.00
Fancy Free	A brilliant orange red; Japanese type of bloom, with yellow markings and occasionally a tuft in the center	4.00
Favorita	Single with two rows of petals. Bright deep orange red, color very fine. Stiff stems.....	8.00
Fiesta	Orange red single with two rows of petals. The color holds. Bloom medium size, stems tall and stiff. Another outstanding variety	10.00
Fire Bird	Large full double "black" red, with some hidden Japanese type marking. Good stems. Color very fine	10.00
Good News	Distinct shade of deep orange red, single with deep yellow stamens in center. Early. Foliage quite distinct	3.00
Janet	A very large bloom, typical bomb type. A definite cerise, outstanding and very attractive to those who like this shade of red	2.00
John Harvard	A magnificent peony that has won high awards in competition. Very dark red single, sometimes almost double. Color is clear and does not fade. A strong grower with tall stiff stems. Most dependable	3.00
Keepsake	A hybrid. A later dark orange red single, the filaments red. Trim petals, stems tall, straight, stiff	4.00
Nevada	A very spectacular black red single. The color holds. On a plant of exceptional vigor, with stiff stems, very tall	3.00
Old Main	A large bomb, full petalled. A very brilliant red, with a slight bluish cast that gives it carrying power. Distinct and much admired	4.00
Orange Glory	A very outstanding orange red single with two rows of petals. Carpels white, filaments pink. Color holds. Tall plant, stiff stems, very vigorous	15.00
Queen of the Dawn	Very early. Large single which stays cupped for a long time. Very light creamy pink, with harmonizing pale yellow filaments and stamens	6.00
Raspberry Rose	Typical Japanese type. An odd shade, as the name suggests, and very striking. Fine plant. Early	10.00
Red Beauty	"Black" red Japanese type. Narrow center petals same black red, with well marked yellow edges. Dwarf, with stiff stems	10.00

We hope you will be sure to include some of these Hybrids in your order. If you like red peonies you are missing the greatest thrill possible until you grow some of these wonderful varieties.

OFFICINALIS HYBRIDS, Auten Originations (Cont.)

Red Dandy	Very large dark red bomb, like a round ball. No other kind like it. Full petalled, opens easily. Very outstanding, and always greatly admired by visitors	15.00
Red Ensign	Very dark red, trim bloom held above low foliage, some stamens show. Outstanding for quality. Semi-double	2.50
Red Glory	A very large single or semi-double, several rows of petals, very large, very dark velvety red	5.00
Red Monarch	(Auten-Glasscock) A beautifully proportioned red bomb. Red with slight purplish cast. A strong grower. Tall stiff stems	4.00
Renown	A dwarf double. Rich velvety dark red, with Japanese type markings. Color very fine	10.00
Robert W. Auten	A standout even among high class kinds, instantly sought out by visitors. On mature plants practically full double, "a mass of dark red "ruffles". Color deep, rich, unfading red, brilliant and appealing. Fine plant	17.00
Rosedale	A brilliant medium red, petals somewhat incurved, showing some stamens. A striking resemblance to a rose. Blooms held erect above low foliage. Very popular as a cut flower	2.00
Rose Marie	(Auten-Glassock) A full double, rich clear red, with no trace of purple, unfading. A beautifully formed bloom, the arrangement of center petals unlike any other. Early. Fine plant and habit	3.50
Royal Red	A rich dark red single with two rows of petals, the color holds. Trim bloom, nicely cupped, medium size	5.00
Smoky Joe	An enormous black red semidouble on tall stiff stems. The blooms are loose petalled and some are too ragged. The good ones are superb and worth waiting for. Best for cool climate	4.00
Sky Queen	Very dark red single. Carpels green tipped red, filaments red. The color holds. Medium size. Tall stiff stems	5.00
Style Show	(first named Valencia) Dark red single with decided orange cast. Two rows of petals, Good size, with tall stiff stems. Fine	5.00
Tango	Another outstanding orange red single, with two rows of petals. The color holds. Trim bloom, tall stiff stems	10.00
Topeka	Full double bomb type. Clear brilliant red, a distinctive shade of great refinement. Tall stems. Much admired	5.00
Veritas	Unusual type of bloom, narrow center petals, pointed, with yellow stamens fastened to the edges of some, and other stamens forming a yellow collar. A very brilliant dark red, glistening and enduring like varnished mahogany. Early and a very strong grower	2.00

RED DOUBLES, Auten Originations

Big Ben	Large medium dark red bomb, fragrant, on tall stiff stems. Very early, much better than Richard Carvel. Has won high approval in all sections after thorough trial. One of the most valuable kinds for both home gardens and commercial cut flower growers	3.00
Bonfire	Very early dark red bomb, showing some of the color of one of its parents, Radiant Red. Trim bloom, on tall stiff stems	6.00
Campfire	Brilliant red bomb, fragrant. Medium size on a dwarf plant with stiff stems. A seedling of old Edulis Superba, which evidently responded to a fortunate cross pollenization. Outstanding for garden effect	5.00
Chieftan	A very rich dark red bomb, on a good plant. Very early, opening among the very first of those kinds not Hybrids, and especially desirable on that account	10.00
Cleopatra	A very brilliant red double, some fragrance. It blooms with the very latest kinds, and, most important, it is a reliable bloomer, an advantage enjoyed by very few of the very late kinds. Blooms after Philippe Rivoire and June Brilliant. A standout	2.00
Detroit	A large deep red bomb, fairly early, medium height. Form of bloom and plant suggestive of Felix Crousse, the most widely used commercial red variety, but Detroit is darker and much more refined in color. Should have a great future	3.00
Drummer Boy	A very brilliant dark red bomb on a stiff stemmed dwarf plant, the trim foliage, the beautifully formed blooms carried boldly erect, all combine to make an especially effective display	4.00
Fanchon	Brilliant black red bomb, fiery, unfading and long lasting. Narrow center petals. Just below medium height, very stiff stems. Very unusual, very fine, midseason	5.00
Garden Glory	Outstanding for color, a dark bright red. The color holds. Anemone type, almost a bomb. On tall stiff stems. Late. We doubt that this color will ever be surpassed in a pure Albiflora variety	10.00
June Brilliant	Late full double dark red, very brilliant. Tall stems. Trim bloom, not fragrant, lasts well when cut. Wins prizes. A rival of Philippe Rivoire, blooming at about the same time	2.00
June Giant	An enormous dark red. Has given me the largest red bloom I ever raised. Late. Won as best red double, 1946 National show, best three blooms red double, 1952 National show	4.00
Louis Joliet	Our most popular red double. One of the most sought after kinds in our fields. Color is dark red, clear and unfading. Produces an enormous number of blooms on stiff stems. Early midseason. Fine for cut flowers. A "must have" variety	1.50

RED DOUBLES, Auten Originations (cont.)

Lucky Star	A very distinct dark red, medium sized bloom held above the foliage on a tall, vigorous plant. Near bomb type, with yellow markings on some center petals. Very late, makes a fine display	1.50
Radiant Red	An entirely new color break in reds attracting immediate attention here. Late mid-season. Very trim bomb, on very stiff stems of medium height. Very distinct, and one of the finest reds	2.50
Red Comet	Dark red bomb, very early, on tall stiff stems. Fine color from its parent, Radiant Red; as rich as a Hybrid	7.00
Rosalie	Close to the true American Beauty shade of red. It looks like a rose, is especially beautiful in bud. Not tall, but a very strong grower, gives many blooms. Lasts a long time, fine for cutting. We have customers returning repeatedly to get more roots of Rosalie. Mid season	1.00
Sambo	Brilliant red double, in a distinctive shade. Midseason. Stiff stems, trim plant	2.00
Santa Fe	Brilliant dark red double, color does not fade. Midseason, blooming just after Louis Joliet. Strong grower, many blooms on stiff stems. Highest quality	2.00
Sinbad	A large, high built bloom, deep mulberry. A novelty, as the edges of the petals are silvery. Late midseason. Tall stiff stems. A striking effect	2.00
Suzanne	A very early bright red bomb, blooming about the same time as Richard Carvel, but a better color. Stiff stem, good height	5.00
Tempest	Generally considered the best dark red peony for color, rich, dark, clear and unfading. Midseason on good stems. Substance extra. When not disbudded, one stem makes a fine bouquet	2.00
Uncle Tom	High built bloom, very dark, on tall stiff stems. Exceptional for color. At its best in cool climate	3.00

PLANTING DIRECTIONS

IMPORTANT—Open your package of roots immediately when they arrive. Plant as soon as possible but if you have to wait a few days, either keep moist in open box in cool cellar, or better yet, bury in garden.

Plant Peonies in good, well drained soil, in full sun if possible, and away from trees, buildings, etc. Do not plant where a peony has been before, unless all old soil is taken out and replaced with fresh. Plant 3 to 4 feet apart; set so that the eyes point upward and are 2 to 3 inches below the top of ground (very important). Give each root 2 quarts of water when planted, and then make a 6 inch mound of dirt above ground level to prevent heaving, scrape mound away late next spring.

Give each peony from ten to fifteen square feet of space. Do not crowd smaller perennials among them unless extra room is given.

WHITE DOUBLES, Auten Originations

This list of white doubles contains some of the world's finest. They are specially notable for refinement and charm. Most of them are delightfully rose fragrant. They cover the whole season of bloom, early to very late.

- Belle Chinoise** (Pretty Chinese) An immaculate full double creamy white. Sure to open, near to bomb type. Very fragrant. Medium size and height. Late midseason. A most exquisite peony 1.50
- Betsey Ross** Full double pure white, exquisitely formed bloom, petals incurved. Rose fragrant. Late, on tall stiff stems. Very distinct 2.00
- Carolina Moon** Bomb type, white outer petals with yellow center. Valuable not only because there are few kinds in this color combination, but also because of its extreme earliness and its great charm. Medium height, stiff stems. A very popular variety 3.50
- Flower Girl** Here is perfection. White, opening blush, a beautifully formed bloom, strong rose fragrance. Low plant, very stiff stems We cannot recommend this too highly, it is irresistible 2.50
- Juanita** Blush white full double on stiff stems of medium height. Rose fragrant. Midseason. Beautifully formed, a charming variety 2.00
- Kathryn Curran** A large late pure white double of especial refinement and charm. Rose fragrant. A mass of trim foliage starting at the ground level, the blooms carried gracefully above it 4.00
- Maid of Honor** We are proud of this Peony and predict much for it. It is very large, full double, built higher in the center. Pure white. Late, on tall very stiff stems. Very distinct 5.00
- Mary Auten** One of the highest rated of all peonies. White, opening a definite pale lavender. Rose fragrant. Large full double bloom sure to open even if weather is unfavorably warm Most popular 2.00
- Mr. Moon** Full double; white with a definite yellow cast through the bloom, most pronounced in this respect of any kind I know. Late, sure opening on tall stiff stems 2.00
- Molly Pitcher** A large white double, opening pale flesh. Rose fragrant. Late midseason, opens well. A show flower, globular and very full petalled. One of my especial favorites. Outstanding for refinement 2.00
- Nauvoo** Blush white double, with deeper tints in the center. High built bloom, fragrant, and of show quality, a wonderful peony. Late 2.00
- Northland** Very early high built bomb, my earliest white double. Rose fragrant. Tall stiff stems, and a strong grower. Fine for cutting and should prove of great value for commercial flower growers. A standout in the field when in bloom, with most of all other kinds still in green bud 5.00

From Illinois. Hope we can visit your fields next spring and add to our start of 4 of your beautiful Hybrids.

From Pennsylvania. I planted roots from you some years ago, and must say they bloom and grow beautifully.

WHITE DOUBLES, Auten Originations (Cont.)

Old Siwash	One of our truly great doubles. Comparable with Auten's Pride. It has a most wonderful silvery sheen, a delicate blush on opening. Rose fragrant. Large bloom on tall stiff stems. Early midseason. We cannot recommend this too highly	2.00
Plymouth	Full double white, opening flesh, rose fragrant. Very late, on tall stiff stems. Substance extra, and one of the surest of all late doubles to open. A most valuable variety. Has passed most critical test for commercial cut flowers	3.00
Prudence	Very chaste full double white, rose fragrant, refinement personified. On tall stiff stems. A strong grower and fine in every way. Early	1.50
Sanctuary	Here is a Peony with great individuality and fine quality throughout. Petals ivory white and of very heavy texture. Some blooms are immaculate, others heavily splashed with scarlet, adding beauty. Early midseason, good plant and stem. A great favorite	2.50
Siloam	Very large, full double, sure to open, late. Rose fragrant. An exquisite bloom, opening wide. Has been enthusiastically received. I consider it better than Kelway's Glorious, being a much better formed bloom	2.00
Sistie	White, opening a very definite pink, Late, sure to open, substance extra, and the strongest rose fragrance of any Peony I know. High built bloom. Very valuable for cutting near the end of the season. A low price for such a fine variety	1.50
Snow Cap	A very early white double with slight yellow cast, a spotless bloom. Beautiful clean foliage, stem good for cutting, a free bloomer	3.00
Spring Song	A large, flat semi-double showing stamens, white with a few red splashes in center. Beautiful form. On tall stiff stems	2.50
White Beauty	Very large double, with a few hidden stamens. Exquisite pearly white. Tall. A strong grower, free bloomer. Early midseason. Invaluable for cutting	1.25
White Delight	Full double, outstanding for its purity of color and charm. Substance exceptional. Rose fragrant. Early. A most useful variety. Our most popular white	1.50
Yukon	Spotless snow white double, very large, and with a perfect center. Late on tall stiff stems. Petals are so long it needs cool weather to open out properly. A 9½ inch bloom won best bloom in show, 1948 National Peony Show, and in 1951 National Show it won best white double in the show	2.00

From New Jersey. The peonies arrived in good condition.

From Utah (a grower). I have about 80 plants of Veritas now which are just starting to open. Few people in this area have seen any of the Hybrids and are invariably interested in the new colors and types, and the early blooming season is also in their favor.

From New York. I have two fine clumps of Auten's Pride in my garden.

From Illinois. I surely enjoyed seeing your lovely peony fields and am looking forward to coming again next year and selecting more varieties of peonies.

PINK DOUBLES, Auten Originations

Auten's Pride	One of the world's finest peonies. Light pink with lavender shades, deepening toward the center. Large bloom, sure to open, rose fragrant. Late. Stems stiff, just above medium height. A strong grower. None finer in its color. Approved by commercial cut flower growers	2.50
Cloud Castle.	A very late deep pink, rose fragrant. Lasts unusually well when cut. Opens easily. Very tall. Bloom has especial charm	3.00
Eloise	A gorgeous large pink double, outstanding both for its size and its lovely soft and clear lavender color. Rose fragrant. Loose petalled and sure to open, a beautifully finished bloom. Medium height. Late	2.50
Galena	Deep rose or light red. Late. A full double on a very fine plant. Stems tall, stiff. An unusual flower that attracts immediate attention	2.00
Joyce	One of the last to bloom, a rather flat double, medium pink. A beautiful flower, especially valuable because of its sure opening. On tall stiff stems	1.50
Linda	A large, rather flat pink double. Late, on tall stiff stems. It has exceptional keeping qualities as a cut flower	5.00
Peggy	A warm, bright silvery pink double of medium size, the petals notched and crinkled. Stems short, very stiff. This is one of the earliest varieties to bloom. It has proved to be especially useful and long keeping as a cut flower, and blooming before the early old Edulis Superba, is quite useful for Decoration Day in some places. In color and form it is one of our most charming blooms. It is irresistible and sells on sight	1.50
Pink Glow	A bright pink double, late. Bloom loose petalled, beautifully finished. Held high above the foliage, which starts at the ground. An outstanding variety	5.00
Pink Monarch	A bright, deep pink, with a collar of golden yellow. Very distinct and unusual. Large flat bloom, midseason. Very tall, bloom carried well above the foliage. A picturesque variety that attracts considerable attention in our fields. Should be in every peony collection	2.50
Pink Solange	A large medium pink double, full petalled. Late and a sure opener. Stem tall and stiff. This is a deeper pink than the old Solange, and much more dependable. In fact, it is one of the finest of all pink doubles, with high quality in color, form and plant habit	2.00
Prairie State	A very large pink, with darker tints toward the center. A sure opener on a tall rugged plant. Midseason. This should be grown by those who like quality in big blooms, but who live where hot weather makes some big ones uncertain	3.00
Virginia Lee	A glorious pink double, large and with exceptional charm and beauty. It is when newly opened, more silver and salmon than pink. It has a lovely glow. Opening wide, the form is especially beautiful. Virginia Lee is very, very late, but unlike many late Peonies, opens freely and completely. We consider this one of our greatest originations	2.50

JAPANESE TYPE PEONIES

So called because the Japanese people prefer them to all other types of bloom, and were the first to develop many new kinds. This type is the first advance toward the double type, with narrow center petals, usually edged with yellow. They furnish color contrasts in the same flower obtained in no other type, and are especially valuable for cutting. In the anemone type, the narrow center petals have no contrasting yellow marking, though some, like **Nippon Gold**, have all yellow centers.

The AUTEN ORIGINATIONS, Japanese Type

These are a vast improvement over those from Japan. They have better color, better stems, and are much more vigorous.

RED JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Arapahoe	A rich black red, the color holds. Center is red, heavily edged and tipped light yellow. Midseason. Has shown exceptional keeping qualities as a cut flower. Distinct and outstanding	2.50
Dragon's Nest	Medium red, typical Jap except that many blooms have a large tuft in the center (the dragon's nest). Very brilliant for garden effect. Fine plant	1.50
Dr. Jekyll	Brilliant dark red, some of the side blooms have more petals than the Japanese type. Tall stiff stems. It is very late, and very valuable for garden effect near the end of the season	1.50
Explorer (No. 1682)	A large dark red Jap with the usual yellow markings in center. The side buds are especially brilliant. On tall, stiff stems	3.00
Mount Palomar	Very dark lustrous red, contrasting sharply with the usual rich yellow markings of the typical Japanese. Stems tall and very stiff. One of the earliest of this type	6.00
Nippon Beauty	Rich red, with the typical yellow edges in center of the Japanese type. Color clear and unfading. Good even in hottest weather. Late. Tall stiff stems. Plant very vigorous	1.00
Nippon Brilliant...	The highest rated red peony, irrespective of type. Brilliant red, almost an orange shade, with usual yellow markings. Late, on tall stiff stems. Outstanding in every way	1.50
Nippon Parade	A bright red Jap, center flushed lighter. Midseason. Tall, good stems, very strong grower. One of the best for landscape effect. Very popular, a best seller at our fields	1.50
Sentinel	All red, in the typical American beauty shade, with small yellow dots on narrow red center petaloids. On a perfect plant, tall, stiff stems, and a strong grower	1.50
Sun Dance	A dark red Jap, brilliant and enduring. Distinct. Medium size	3.00
Sword Dance	Large medium dark red Jap, very showy, the yellow center making a brilliant contrast of color. Tall plant. Very effective for garden display, and one of the finest Japs	2.00
The Baron	An odd shade of red with some yellow in the center. Bold and striking. Medium height, good stem	1.50

PINK JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Alstead	Deep pink and all yellow center, on an extra fine plant. Very strong grower and free bloomer	2.00
Fair Elaine	A beautiful pink Jap with all yellow center. Bloom of especial charm, carried on tall slender stems	2.50
Nippon Gold	Purest golden yellow center of narrow crinkled petals. Guards pink. Extra fine for cutting. A very strong grower and a best seller. On mature plants, the small side blooms sometimes appear as dainty pink and yellow double rosettes, just right for a corsage	1.50
Rhapsody	A little pink Jap with the narrow center petals yellow flushed pink. Very odd and distinct and fine. Stiff stems	7.00
Sky Pilot	Deep pink with all yellow center slightly flushed pink. Very large, on tall stiff stems. A sensational variety	4.00
Sun Valley	A creamy pink Jap with all yellow center. Stiff slender stems. Best of several similar pink Japs	7.00
Xenia	Japanese type. Outer petals an exquisite delicate pink, which like all other delicate pink peonies, fades white in the garden. Center light yellow. Outstanding for refinement in both color and petalage, as fine as the single Angelus, which is tops. Tall, with good plant habit	5.00

NOVELTY PINK JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Here is a list of most unusual kinds for those who like the so-called "orchid" shades in flowers.

Do Tell	Outer petals very pale orchid pink, narrow center petals much darker, some of them red. A very striking combination, with the color contrast the strongest of any of this type I have seen	3.00
Fancy Nancy	A soft cerise pink Jap, almost uniform in color, of exceptional purity and refinement	3.00
Gay Paree	Guards deep cerise, center flushing lighter with creamy tints. One of the most distinct and striking of all novelties. Bloom has exceptional charm and distinction, and plant habit is fine	3.00
Monterey	Light salmon, cerise and golden tints in the center. Midseason. Very distinct, very fine and much admired. Worthy of a place in any garden. A strong grower	1.50

From Alabama. Your shipment of my peony order was received a few days ago in good condition.

From Nebraska. Saw some of your plants this summer and they were beautiful—like to have some this fall.

From Illinois. I have about 50 peonies that I purchased from you. They are a blaze of glory when in bloom and I am often requested to give the names of them and where I got them.

WHITE JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Undoubtedly the finest white Jap that ever came from Japan is the variety Isani-Gidui. It has white guard petals of wonderful form and substance, and a center of yellow petaloids. But the stem is not the best and the plant also lacks vigor. The Auten white Japs, most of them seedlings of Isani Gidui, are the same type of bloom, some are larger. Most of them have deeper yellow centers than Isani Gidui, and all are on vigorous plants with good stems. You need look no further for top quality white Japs.

Christine	Tall, fairly early, large bloom, very vigorous plant, stiffly erect. Highest quality	3.00
Cordova	Very large bloom, white with light yellow center. Fine plant. Outstanding	2.50
Fairbanks	Distinctive in this list because it is the latest to bloom and opens palest pink, fading to white, with the usual yellow center. Very tall, the most vigorous of the list and first class in every way	2.50
Moon of Nippon	(R. W. Auten). Combining the high quality bloom of Isani Gidui and the fine stiff stem of Marie Lemoine, its parents, this white Jap ranks with the very best. Beautiful pure yellow center. Has won many awards	4.00
Nome	Probably the earliest, and with the fine points of the others	3.00
Roberta	Very large, and tall, a refined bloom, plant less formal than the others	2.00
Sitka	Pure white outer petals, center petaloids are broader than in the others and are a very rich yellow. Tall, the bloom carried in stately fashion above low foliage	2.00

TESTIMONIALS

All unsolicited, all received in 1956

From Maryland. I won a blue ribbon last week with my Veritas. And Moon Mist created quite a sensation at our Garden Club meeting.

From Minnesota. I have had many people, men and women exclaim, "Oh that (Fairbanks) is the most beautiful peony I ever saw"—and they were nearly right, too.

From New York. The peony roots came in fine condition.

From Utah. The singles and Japs are new to most visitors and attract much attention. Kaskaskia, Nippon Beauty, Nippon Brilliant, Nippon Gold and Moon of Nippon were particular favorites. Of my 20 red varieties in the garden, the favorite three were Chocolate Soldier, Kansas (which is not one of yours) and Big Ben. I have a row of 25 Big Ben and a like row of Richard Carvel—one can easily see the marked superiority of Big Ben.

From Michigan. I ordered from you a long time ago and have enjoyed the Jap peonies I got from you very much.

From Kentucky (a grower). The stock I received from you last season did splendid.

From Illinois. We bought peonies from you in 1950 and they are really beautiful. For one we have O'd Siwash—forget names of others but they grow prettier each year.

From Oregon. Peony roots arrived in good shape.

From Washington. The Red Beauty root arrived today, and a very good looking one. Queen of the Dawn this year was very good. Rose Marie was good, very good.

RED SINGLES, Auten Originations

Arcturus	Clear, rich velvety red, fine form and substance, on a good plant. Does not fade. Has won many awards, and is of the very highest quality	2.50
Kaskaskia	Large dark red, color clear, unfading and very fine. Very early, good stem and plant. Useful for cut flowers at Decoration Day when early doubles are not out	1.50
Kickapoo	Late variety. Another dark red single of highest quality, on tall stiff stems. Does not fade. A consistent winner at shows	1.50
Medicine Hat	Very dark clear red single, color holds, and the yellow stamens are very prominent. Lasts a long time. Trim plant and stiff stems, medium height. Midseason. Fine	1.50
Red Velvet	Late variety. Two rows of petals, which stay nicely cupped even in adverse weather. Velvety dark red, color does not fade. Stiff stems. A most impressive variety which customers buy on sight. Red Velvet and either Arcturus or Kaskaskia give succession of bloom and should be in every fine collection of peonies	2.50

PINK SINGLES, Auten Originations

Angelus	Generally considered the best light pink single. Large bloom on a fine plant. Even, soft pink, outstanding for its charm and refinement	2.00
Elfin Pink	A soft, even toned true pink that holds its color to the end. Good stem, fine plant. Really high quality pink singles are rare, but Elfin Pink comes up to the most exacting requirements	1.50
Mischief	Late. The finest late single pink, keeps exceptionally well as a cut flower. Carried gracefully on tall stems. Very vigorous and free blooming	1.25
Moon Mist	Pale pink with darker dots. Very early, on tall stiff stems. An exquisite variety, valuable both for garden effect and for cutting. Opening bud looks like a pink rosebud. Useful for Decoration Day where the doubles are just barely too late	1.50
Pink Sprite	A charming pink single, very distinct Medium size, trim plant. Bloom somewhat cupped	2.50
Sweet Adeline	A very distinct deep pink single, carried well above the foliage on tall stiff stems. A chance seedling found near Mischief, and an improvement on it	4.00

WHITE SINGLES, Auten Originations

Dancing Nymph	Pearly light pink, practically white Fine substance, keeps its wine goblet shape and lasts a long time. Tall stiff stem. Crinkled petals, the best of this type that I know. Outstanding	1.50
Watchman	Late for a single, and valuable for that reason. Trim bloom, nicely cupped. Good plant.	1.00
White Perfection	A great favorite, worthy of its name. A prize winner, outstanding for charm	1.50

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FREE PEONY FOR EARLY ORDERS

If your order totals \$8.00 or more and is received before Sept. 1st, we will include free one choice peony of our selection.

PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

This enables us to group similar orders and send roots to you more promptly. Early planting though not imperative is nevertheless highly advantageous.

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We need the time after that to fill orders last received and to finish our own planting before bad weather stops us.

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FULL PLANTING AND CULTURAL DIRECTIONS are sent with each order.

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WE DO NOT RECOMMEND SPRING PLANTING.

Fall is the natural time to plant. Gain in spring planting over planting the following fall is doubtful, and not worth the extra care and risk involved.

COLLECTION OFFERS (until Oct. 15th only)

Collection No 1 5 peonies, labelled, all different, 3 to 5 eye divisions. My selection, Postpaid in the U. S. 3.50

Collection No. 2 10 peonies, not labelled, small one eye to standard 3 to 5 eye, my selection. Postpaid in the U. S. 4.00

These two collections are made up from the fine kinds we sell, fresh dug divisions left over. They do not include inferior kinds. This is an opportunity to get fine peonies at lowest possible cost.

Collection offers not to be included in figuring totals for free peony or special discounts.

If you live as far south as St. Louis, we suggest that you choose mostly from early doubles, also from all singles and Japanese type.

Varieties from Other Originators

DOUBLE PEONIES

Baroness Schroeder	Late flesh white, fragrant.....	\$ 1.00
Karl Rosenfield	Large red, midseason, fine plant	1.00
Longfellow	Very brilliant red, tall, midseason.....	1.25
Mons. Jules Elie	Large deep pink, early.....	1.00
Nimbus	Flesh white. Late, tall, fragrant, extra fine	1.50
Philippe Rivoire	Dark red, fragrant, late, extra fine	1.50
Richard Carvel	Early dark red, fragrant, tall	1.25
Souvenir de l'Exposition Universelle	midseason pink	1.00
Therese	High rated large pink double	1.50
Walter Faxon	Late dark pink, one of finest pinks....	1.50

JAPANESE TYPE

Toro-no-maki	Blush white, extra fine.....	2.00
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EXTRA EARLY SPECIES and HYBRIDS

These cover a period about 16 days before the common species start. See also the Auten Hybrids on pages 3, 4 and 5.

Anomola	(Smouthii) Purple red single. Foliage cut leaved. Makes a large plant, the earliest in this list	1.25
Bright Knight	(Glasscock) An outstanding Hybrid, a dark red single with orange cast	10.00
Crusader	(Glassock) A very distinctive shade of red, a semi-double. Stands out among fine kinds	7.00
Golden Glow	(Glasscock) Large orange red single lighter than Bright Knight. One of the most wanted peonies	10.00
Officinalis Red Jap	Very early, color fine.....	1.25

TESTIMONIALS

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From Michigan. Having seen some of your peonies in an exhibition garden at Grosse Isle, and also just having purchased a new home, I am interested in receiving your catalogue.

From Ohio. The roots I purchased from your firm last year were all very good roots. I had bloom on all of them. Plenty of comment from all my friends and neighbors.

From Washington. The peonies arrived yesterday in perfect condition. I was much pleased with the fine quality of the roots.

From Illinois. The peonies arrived in good shape. I am well satisfied with them.

From New York. I think the Hybrids are wonderful, such gorgeous colors.

From Illinois. Received the peony roots and was very pleased with them. They were very lovely roots.

From Illinois. I have bought before, and Rose Marie is beautiful.